

MINUTES

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR AIKEN COUNTY

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 736 RICHLAND AVENUE, W., AIKEN, S. C.

REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 7, 2006 – 7:00 P. M.

(A) CALL TO ORDER

Determining that a quorum was present, Chairman Young called the meeting to order.

Council Members present:

Chairman Ronnie Young
Scott Singer
LaWana McKenzie
Chuck Smith
Eddie Butler
Charles Barton
Gary Bunker

Council Members absent:

Kathy Rawls
Willar H. Hightower, Jr.

Also present:

J. Clay Killian, County Administrator
Robert M. Bell, County Attorney
Tamara Sullivan, Council Clerk

(B) INVOCATION

Councilwoman McKenzie led in the invocation.

(C) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Bunker led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

(D) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. December 20, 2005 Worksession
2. December 20, 2005 Regular Meeting
3. January 10, 2006 Worksession
4. January 10, 2006 Regular Meeting

- a. Councilman Bunker made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Butler seconded.
- b. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

(E) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- a. Councilman Barton made a motion to amend and approve the agenda as follows:
 1. Add Consent Item 8 – Proposed Resolution To Authorize the Submission and Acceptance of an Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant for the Sheriff's Office.

2. Add Consent Item 9 – Proposed Resolution To Honor the Reverend Phillip Waston as a Community Leader.
- b. Councilwoman McKenzie seconded the motion. The amended agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

(F) OLD BUSINESS

1. Proposed Ordinance to Provide for the Issuance and Sale of \$15,000,000 General Obligation Bonds of 2006 of Aiken County, South Carolina to Prescribe the Purposes for Which the Proceeds Shall be Expended, to Provide for the Payment Thereof, and Other Matters Relating Thereto.
(County Council) (Third Reading)
 - a. Councilman Smith made a motion for the approval. Councilwoman McKenzie seconded.
 - b. Passed by unanimous vote with Councilman Singer abstaining.
2. Proposed Ordinance to Approve a Proposed Amendment to the Aiken County Official Zoning and Development District Atlas to Rezone Tax Parcel 135-18-02-012 Located at 426 Wire Road (S-29), Aiken, South Carolina in Council District 6 from RD to OR.
(Barton) (Third Reading)
 - a. Councilwoman McKenzie moved for the adoption. Councilman Smith seconded.
 - b. Passed by unanimous vote.
3. Proposed Ordinance to Amend the Aiken County Code to Allow More Time for the Payment of Solid Waste Invoices Due to the County.
(Development Committee) (Third Reading)
 - a. Councilman Singer moved for the adoption. Councilman Butler seconded.
 - b. Passed by unanimous vote.
4. Proposed Ordinance to Issue Regional Ambulance Service a Renewal Franchise to Operate a Private Ambulance Service in Aiken County for a Three Year Period Ending December 31, 2008.
(Judicial and Public Safety Committee) (Third Reading)
 - a. Councilman Butler made a motion for the approval. Councilwoman McKenzie seconded.
 - b. Passed by unanimous vote.
5. Proposed Ordinance to Amend Ordinance #05-08-23 Which Approved a PUD for a Development in Graniteville, South Carolina to Allow for Reduced Front Setbacks in Certain Sections of the Development.
(Development Committee) (Third Reading)
 - a. Councilman Barton moved for the adoption. Councilman Bunker seconded.
 - b. Passed by unanimous vote.
6. Proposed Ordinance to Authorize the Council Chairman to Execute a Document Granting an Easement to South Carolina Electric and Gas.
(Development Committee) (Third Reading)

- a. Councilman Bunker made a motion for the approval. Councilwoman McKenzie seconded.
- b. Passed by unanimous vote.

(G) CONSENT AGENDA/INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

I. REGULAR CONSENT AGENDA

1. Proposed Resolution to Appoint One Member to Designated Boards, Commissions and Committees with Terms of the Appointees to Run Concurrent with that of the Councilmember from Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7.
(Rawls, Singer, McKenzie, Smith, Barton, Bunker)
2. Proposed Resolution to Approve the Allocation of Funds for Various Non-Profit Agencies from the FY 2006 Council Contingency Fund.
(County Council)
3. Proposed Resolution to Accept an Additional \$700 Awarded to Aiken County in the FY 06 Local Emergency Management Performance Grant.
(County Council)
4. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the County Administrator to Accept Two Grants from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division for Homeland Security Grants, Savannah River Site and Buffer Zone Protection Savannah River Site.
(County Council)
5. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Tax Collector to Refund Money Paid Plus Applicable Interest to the Purchasers of Tax Parcels 064-00-05-036, 064-00-05-034, and 049-13-03-005.
(County Council)
6. Proposed Resolution to Proclaim February 22, 2006 as "Making the Right Choices Day".
(County Council)
7. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Council Chairman to Execute an Agreement with South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control for Increasing the Plant Capacity at the Public Service Authority in Advance of Plant Construction.
(County Council)
8. Proposed Resolution To Authorize the Submission and Acceptance of an Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant for the Sheriff's Office.
(ADDITION)
9. Proposed Resolution To Honor the Reverend Phillip Weston as a Community Leader.
(ADDITION)
 - a. Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilwoman McKenzie seconded.
 - b. The Consent Agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

(H) PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

1. Reimbursement for Graniteville Disaster Relief.
(Ms. Tina Bevington, Graniteville Citizen)
 - a. Ms. Bevington discussed her research into the funds allocated by the State Budget and Control Board. She informed Council that a citizens committee had been formed, the Graniteville Disaster Fund Committee, and introduced the Committee members.

(I) ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND THE PUBLIC RECORD

1. Fiscal Year 2006 Aiken County Contingency Report as of January 11, 2006.

(J) INFORMAL MEETING OF WHOLE

- a. Councilwoman McKenzie read the Rules of Procedure for County Council meetings, as they established in the County Code of Ordinances.
- b. Ms. Susan Holmes, a Clemson Extension agent, thanked Council for their continued support.
- c. Ms. P. K. Hightower read a letter from Councilman Hightower in which he stated that he felt strongly that the funds allocated by the State Budget and Control Board should be used for Graniteville. Councilman Hightower's letter also questioned the number of deputies who were in attendance at the January 10, 2006 Council meeting.
- d. Mr. Jet Beckam questioned the selection of the contractor, a Chinese company, for the construction of the Convocation Center at USC-Aiken.
- e. Mr. Mike Lambert thanked Council and Sheriff Hunt for their assistance during the Graniteville Disaster.
- f. Mr. Mike Simons requested the opportunity to speak about the commercial traffic on Powderhouse Road. Councilman Singer made a motion to grant that request. Councilman Bunker seconded.
- g. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
- h. Mr. Simons stated that in his professional opinion, commercial vehicles should not be allowed on Powderhouse Road. He also suggested that a defined truck route should be established for commercial trucks.
- i. Mr. Ricky Napier requested the opportunity to speak about the funds allocated by the State Budget and Control Board. Councilman Bunker made a motion to grant that request. Councilwoman McKenzie seconded.
- j. The motion passed by majority vote with Councilman Smith voting in opposition.
- k. Mr. Napier discussed the letters sent to Representative Roland Smith and Senator Tommy Moore by the State Budget and Control Board and stated that the funds should be used in Graniteville.
- l. Mr. Phil Napier stated that the Rules of Procedure were unfair and a form of communism.
- m. Councilman Butler stated that the "Informal Meeting of Whole" had not always been a part of the County meetings. It was an addition to the agenda which allowed an opportunity for citizens to address Council that was implemented when Chairman Young took office. Councilman Butler

also discussed the late hours in which sensitive issues were addressed by Council because of the length of this portion of the agenda.

- n. Mr. Booker T. Holmes requested to speak about the Graniteville Disaster Fund Committee. Councilman Butler made a motion to grant that request. Councilman Barton seconded.
- o. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
- p. Mr. Holmes gave the following list of recommendations made by the Committee:
 - 1. Health screenings
 - 2. A warning alert system
 - 3. A ground zero area resource center building
 - 4. An indigent care fund for severe health problems directly related to the spill
- q. Councilman Smith made a motion to recess for Executive Session. Councilman Butler seconded.
- r. The motion to recess passed by unanimous vote.

RESESSED – 8:01 P. M.

(K) EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1. Legal Matters:
 - a. Status Report on Pending Litigation, Legal Claims and Legal Advice.
(County Attorney) (Verbal)
- 2. Contractual Matters:
- 3. Personnel Matters:

RECONVENED – 9:20 P. M.

- a. Councilman Barton made a Voice Motion to lease 1,640 square feet of space in the National Center for Hydrogen Research, built by Aiken County. Councilman Smith seconded.
- b. The Voice Motion was approved by unanimous vote.
- c. Councilman Butler made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Smith seconded.
- d. The motion to adjourn passed by unanimous vote.

(L) ADJOURNMENT – 9:21 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

SIGNED:

Tamara Sullivan, Council Clerk

Ronnie Young, Chairman